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Pam – I cut from the Daily given its large distribution. Please use it as the base of a short cable as discussed.

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Thanks.

Rick M

(U) MPs Accuse HMG of a Cover-up Over the Use of Diego Garcia for Rendition Flights: MPs have complained angrily to the press about HMG's denial of their Freedom of Information Act request for the minutes of the September 2007 Diego Garcia Pol-Mil talks. MPs from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition requested access to the minutes of the meeting as part of their investigation into whether Diego Garcia has been used to transit or detain rendered persons. Andrew Tyrie, Chairman of the group, has launched an appeal against the FCO decision not to release the documents, which was based on the arguments that to do so would prejudice the defense of the territory and could damage diplomatic relations with the U.S. Tyrie asserts, incorrectly, that the minutes will reveal whether Diego Garcia has been used for renditions and criticizes HMG for relying on U.S. assurances that the island is not.

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